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## Japan

Japanese consumers are buying more ready-to-eat and convenience foods. Imports of prepared poultry products have nearly tripled since 1996. The trend is toward processed poultry products which are prepared overseas for export to Japan, primarily through direct foreign investments and joint ventures in countries like China and Thailand, where Japanese companies can take advantage of abundant supplies of cheap labor.

### Japanese Imports of Prepared Poultry Products (MT)

	Thailand	China	U.S.	Others	Total
1996	30,168	24,568	10,398	3,100	68,234
1997	35,441	32,063	10,295	2,454	80,253
% Chg.	17%	31%	-1%	-21%	18%
1998	38,022	41,633	13,015	1,177	93,847
% Chg.	7%	30%	26%	-52%	17%
1999	40,574	59,393	14,845	616	115,428
% Chg.	7%	43%	14%	-48%	23%
2000	46,677	91,044	14,668	806	153,195
% Chg.	15%	53%	-1%	31%	33%
2001	57,847	110,247	19,353	915	188,362
% Chg.	24%	21%	32%	14%	23%

Source: Chikusan Nippo (Livestock Daily Press), Feb. 4, 2002

In 2002 the demand for fresh table eggs is projected down slightly from 2001. Japan's weak economy and an unusually warm winter will constrain household consumption. Egg production in 2002 is forecast slightly below last year's level due to low market prices for eggs. Imports of frozen liquid albumen are expected to fall in 2002 due to availability of low priced domestic product. Imports of powdered albumen will also slow in 2002 due to relatively stagnant demand for ham and sausage products (powdered albumen is used as a binding agent in the preparation of ham and sausage products.) Brazil is the largest supplier of albumen to Japan.

The U.S. supplies about 90 percent of Japan's frozen liquid yolk imports, which are about 12,000 mt per year. The decline in U.S. imports due to recent bans could allow Brazil and Canada to increase market share. The U.S. is also the dominant supplier of powdered whole eggs and powdered yolk. U.S. market share is expected to slip in 2002 due to the weak yen and increased competition from low-priced competitors like Canada, India and the EU.

Source: USDA/FAS

### Egg Production by Calendar Year, in Metric Tons

	1999	2000	2001
China	21,740,170	22,592,670	23,354,520
EU (15)	5,444,626	5,333,738	5,339,011
US	4,912,000	5,011,000	5,011,000
Japan	2,534,577	2,527,343	2,526,000
India	1,732,500	1,783,000	1,905,750

Source: United Nations FAOSTAT

## Japan Ban on U.S. Poultry and Egg Products

On March 22 FSIS announced that effective immediately and until further notice, all egg products are ineligible for export to Japan. A restriction for egg products produced in or transiting the States of Pennsylvania and Maine was already in effect prior to this latest restriction. Egg products from all remaining States are now ineligible.

All fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products (including cooked) are ineligible for export to Japan. Canned poultry remains eligible. Other shelf-stable products may be eligible on a case-by-case basis and exporters of these products are advised to seek confirmation of eligibility through their importer and the issuance of a valid import permit for the product. Military shipments are also included in this import restriction and are now ineligible, unless they fit one of the exceptions indicated.

Eligibility, Processing, Labeling, and Documentation sections remain unchanged for information only and does not imply that poultry is eligible until the restriction is eased or removed.

Source: USDA/FSIS Library of Export Requirements

## World Broiler Trade

For 2002, total broiler exports are forecast at a record 6.3 million tons, up 5 percent from last year. The United States, Brazil, and Thailand, are forecast to increase exports supported by increased production, while the EU's exports are expected to decrease mainly due to high prices even with export subsidies.

### 2002 Broiler Forecast in Million Metric Tons

	U.S.	Brazil	China	EU	
Exports	2.9	1.4	.51	.68	
Percent Chg	+3	+13	+4	-3	
	Japan	Mexico	China	EU	Russia
Imports	.72	.24	.9	.38	1.35
Percent Chg	+1	+2	n/c	+9	+5

The Brazilians are focusing exports of both whole birds and parts. Brazil is expected to increase exports to the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the EU. Due partly to a trade dispute with Japan over chemical residues in Chinese broiler products, China is focusing more on exports of heat-treated products to mitigate quarantine issues since these products face fewer sanitary restrictions. EU broiler exports are forecast to continue their downward trend in 2002, largely due to increased domestic consumption and decreased competitiveness in whole bird markets in the Middle East. EU imports are projected to grow under a lower tariff from Brazil, Thailand, and other Eastern European countries. Japan is expected to import more from Thailand as imports from China may be limited due to health concerns. The impact of the ban on Russia's broiler imports and consumption remains to be seen at the time of this analysis. The U.S. supplied more than 80 percent of Russian broiler imports in 2000.

Source: USDA/FAS

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 16, 2002	2002	2001 /1	Year-To-Date 2002	2001
Liquid	300	309	3,342	2,011
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	1	22
Total	300	309	3,343	2,033

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 16, 2002	2002	2001/1	Year-To-Date 2002	2001
Liquid	80	13	1,151	1,097
Frozen	117	9	734	300
Dried	159	0	691	143
Total	356	22	2,576	1,540

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 16, 2002	2002	2001 /1	Year-To-Date 2002	2001
Jumbo	173	15	250	87
Extra Large	780	330	1,350	2,726
Large	641	2,328	8,697	20,209
Medium	1,437	1,020	10,878	7,638
Ungraded	0	7,622	0	25,766
Misc	60	2,350	4,654	5,537
Total	3,091	13,665	25,829	61,963

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

22-MAR-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00	12.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	12.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	9.00-11.00	1,081,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		9.79		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION**

W/E 16-Mar-02

**(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,636	1,363	2,999
LAST WEEK	1,634	1,319	2,953
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,841	1,318	3,159
TO-DATE/2002	19,530	14,148	33,678
TO-DATE/2001	20,328	13,970	34,298

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	258	0	258
LAST WEEK	482	0	482
SAME WEEK YR AGO	636	10	646
TO-DATE/2002	3,936	20	3,956
TO-DATE/2001	6,106	66	6,172

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,894	1,363	3,257
LAST WEEK	2,116	1,319	3,435
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,477	1,328	3,805
TO-DATE/2002	23,466	14,168	37,634
TO-DATE/2001	26,434	14,036	40,470

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

22-MAR-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-15.00	12.75-13.50	1,078,000	478,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.81	13.25		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	11.00-13.00	1,000,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	12.06		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 MARCH 2002.**

Trading generally light and at steady to weak price levels. Demand very slow and selective. The market remains mixed due to a combination of factors from the recent ban of product to Russia and the upcoming Easter holiday. Supplies of export and domestic product more than adequate for trade needs, except hen parts mostly balanced.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-26.50		26.25	80	26.42	236
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	27.00	156		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	27.00	40	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.50	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-59.00		58.50	80	59.50	240

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	26.50	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	27.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	60.00	120

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.50		26.50	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	27.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	27.00		27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	120

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	26.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	27.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.50	104
TAILS		M	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	40

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	26.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	27.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.50	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	54.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.